

MINUTES
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Okuniewicz, Vice Chair Den Hartog, Senators Hart, Carlson, Toews, Trakel, and Just

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Winder, and Rabe

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Okuniewicz** called the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) to order at 1:02 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Hart** moved to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2023. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Trakel** moved to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2023. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

H 310 **TRANSPORTATION - Amends existing law to provide that a county-wide highway district may operate and expand certain transportation programs and facilities.** **Senator Just** explained there was a bill passed a few weeks ago that impacted one highway district and commuter ride. This bill was to fix that issue by adding into code that the highway district may operate and expand the established rideshare program and park-and-ride facilities.

MOTION: **Vice Chair Den Hartog** moved to send **H 310** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Trakel** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Hart** inquired about the underlying language on line 21 "notwithstanding" and believed it was used when they did not want conflict with any other part of Idaho code. He asked if this was being done to move these facilities into equal standing with other projects like highways, sidewalks, lane expansion and road projects. **Senator Just** agreed that was the intent. **Vice Chair Den Hartog** stated this was a user base self funded operation. It was unique and appreciated here in Ada County and she was supportive.

VOICE VOTE: The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Page Farewell: Cassandra Spencer.** **Senator Okuniewicz** thanked Ms. Spencer for all of her help this session. He asked her to let the committee know about her time here and what she was doing next. **Ms. Spencer** relayed that she had learned a lot and would like to come back and get involved. She was headed to Maranantha Bible College in the fall.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Okuniewicz** adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Senator Okuniewicz
Chair

Lena Amoah
Secretary